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RED SNAPPER COMMERCIAL FISHERY IN GULF OF MEXICO FEDERAL WATERS OPENS AT NOON, OCTOBER 1, 2001

NOAA Fisheries announces that the commercial fishery for red snapper in Gulf of Mexico Federal waters will open at noon, October 1, 2001, and close at noon October 10, 2001. A total of 85,408 pounds of red snapper remained in the spring quota and will be carried over to the fall. The remaining quota for 2001 is 1.63 million pounds. During the fall season, fishing will be allowed during the first 10 days of each month until the quota is caught. The operator of a vessel with a valid reef fish permit having red snapper aboard must have landed and sold such red snapper prior to noon, local time, October 10, 2001. The minimum size limit for the commercial fishery is 15 inches total length.

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